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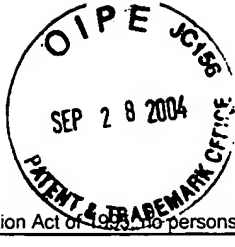
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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, William M. Kurple of 12 Lake Forest Court West, St. Charles, MO 63301 and Vernon L. Diehl of 398 Patriot Road, Southbury, CT 06488, have invented certain new and useful improvements for a *Storage Box Alarm* for which we executed an application for Letters Patent in the United States identifying us as the only inventors thereof said application being assigned serial number 10/796,918 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and identified as Thompson Coburn LLP, Docket 45307-46700; and

WHEREAS, Continental Commercial Products, a corporation of the State of Missouri having its principal office and place of business at 305 Rock Industrial Park Drive, Bridgeton, MO 63044, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and improvements as disclosed in said application, in and to said application, and in and to the patent to be obtained thereon.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of all of which are hereby acknowledged, we, William M. Kurple and Vernon L. Diehl, have sold, assigned and transferred and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Continental Commercial Products, its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and improvements as the same are disclosed in said application which was executed by us in and to said application, and in and to any Letters Patent, including divisionals, continuations, reissues, reexaminations and extensions to be obtained therefor in the United States and all foreign countries; and we further agree to cooperate with the assignee hereunder in the obtaining and sustaining of any and all such Letters Patent as the assignee may desire to apply for, but at the expense of said assignee.

The Commissioner of Patents or other proper official is hereby authorized and requested to issue said Letters Patent to said in accordance with this Assignment.

The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests the attorneys of record in said application(s) to insert in this Assignment the serial number, filing date, and date of execution of said application(s).

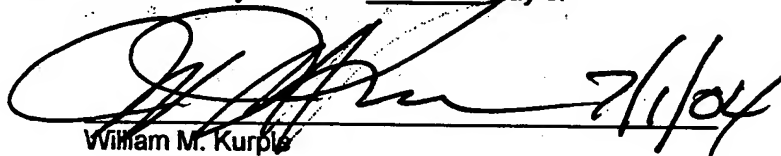
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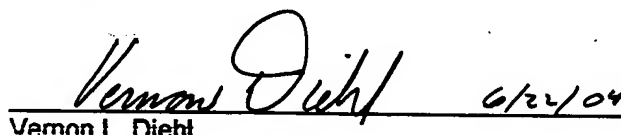
For said considerations, the undersigned hereby agrees, upon the request and at the expense of said Assignee, to execute any divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part or substitute application for said invention or improvements, and any oath or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application(s), and, in the event of any application or Letters Patent assigned herein becoming involved in an interference, to cooperate to the best of the ability of the undersigned in the matters of preparing and executing the preliminary statement and giving and producing evidence in support thereof. The undersigned agrees to perform, upon request, any affirmative acts to obtain said Letters Patent of the United States and vest in said Assignee all rights therein, whereby said Letters Patent will be held and enjoyed by said Assignee, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the undersigned if this assignment has not been made.

And for said consideration, the undersigned hereby assigns to said Assignee the entire right, title and interest in said invention or improvements for all foreign countries, including all priority rights, and agrees to execute, at the request of said Assignee, all documents in connection with any application for foreign Letters Patent therefor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand the 15<sup>th</sup> day of

July, 2004.

  
William M. Kurpis

  
Vernon I. Diehl

